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Borough's top honour for Men-Aces' founder Carl

Palace date for golden girl Mercedes

A HARD-working teenager from Skelmersdale is celebrating after striking gold in the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme.

Eighteen-year-old Mercedes Broad *(right)* travelled down to Buckingham Palace to receive her award from Prince Edward, the Duke of Wessex at a ceremony attended by a host of celebrities.

Mercedes Broad, who is now studying for a masters degree in theology at the University of Aberdeen, began on the scheme while a pupil at Our Lady Queen of Peace High School, five years ago.

During that time she has undertaken a huge range of challenging tasks including target shooting, gymnastics, trampolining, cheerleading, playing piano, violin and cornet with Skelmersdale Prize Band, public speaking, librarianship, helping at St Richard's RC Church with First Communion classes and caring for the sick in Lourdes during the Liverpool Archdiocese Pilgrimage for two years running!

In addition, she also had to undertake first aid training and survival techniques with Bowland Pennine Mountain rescue team and a total of seven expeditions.

The presentations took place on a sunny day in the palace gardens surrounded by guest celebrities. Mercedes said: "It was very glamorous at the palace surrounded by so many celebrities from TV - a far cry from wet and windy Lake District, dressed in thermals while undertaking the expeditions!

"And the Duke of Wessex was charming and asked me about my volunteering work in France."

CALL TO MAINTAIN ASHURST BUS LINK

A LOCAL councillor is calling on Lancashire County Council to support a proposal to maintain a bus service for the Ashurst area of Skelmersdale.

Fears were expressed that residents in Ashurst without access to private transport would be left cut off from vital services following the announcement earlier this year by bus company, Arriva Merseyside, of plans to withdraw its 313 service - despite figures showing that 85,000 passenger trips are taken per annum.

At the time West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper contacted the then leader of Lancashire County Council, calling for a replacement service to be secured to ensure that the residents of Ashurst are not left "disconnected and isolated."

Now County Councillor Julie Gibson, who represents the Skelmersdale West ward, is backing a proposal to extend the current 3A service to additionally serve Birch Green and Ashurst.

Cllr. Gibson said: "The county council received notice in April 2017 that Arriva Merseyside were to withdraw the 313 service advising that they felt that the service was not commercially viable, putting their profits above the needs of passengers.

"The impact on local residents is that this will remove all local public transport service journeys linking Skelmersdale with Birch Green and Ashurst and cutting off these residents from accessing local leisure and transport amenities.

"The previous Labour administration signalled its intention to provide a service for the residents and since then I have been working with members of the highways and transport team at LCC to ensure that the new Tory administration keeps this promise and that there is still a service for Ashurst residents.

Report by **Henry James**

Lobbying

"I believe incorporating this route into the 3A service will actually reduce the cost to the county council with increased passenger numbers and maintaining that vital link into local communities.

"The proposal is due to go before the county council's cabinet on Thursday, July 13 and I will be lobbying the members to give it their full support."

The 313 bus service is the only local bus route that serves the estates around Ashurst. Passengers use the service to travel to the Concourse shopping centre and the bus station to access connecting services to other parts of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk, Liverpool, Wigan and further afield.

County Councillor Julie Gibson

However, a spokesman for Lancashire County Council said that extending the 3A service would incur an additional cost to the authority.

He said there are currently two vehicles operating the 3A service and an extra third vehicle would be needed to operate the two new services replacing the 3A and extended to pick up at places currently served by the 313.

He added: "The withdrawal of service 313 by Arriva means there would be no alternative services to allow residents from Ashurst to reach key destinations such as Skelmersdale town centre. Around 85,000 trips are made every year on this service, with a high number of residents in the areas affected likely to rely on it to get to work, education, and access the shops and other vital services.

"Using the county council's policy for the consideration of tendered bus services it has been assessed that a public transport service can in principle be justified.

"We are proposing to introduce two services to provide the journeys currently available on the 3A - a 312 service to operate from Skelmersdale to Wrightington Hospital via Appley Bridge, and a 313 service to operate from Skelmersdale to Burscough via Ashurst and Parbold.

"This will be considered by the full cabinet on July 13."

An Arriva spokesperson commented: "Arriva North West has made every effort to keep the 313 service running over the last few years, despite low passenger numbers. After an appeal to Lancashire County Council for funding support was rejected in January, we had to make the unfortunate decision to withdraw the service."

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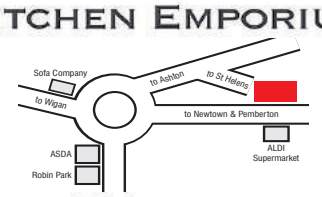

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Borough marks Armed Forces Day

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Neil Furey was joined by service veterans and council officials to honour the sacrifices made by the armed forces at a special service to commemorate Armed Forces Day last week.

The Ministry of Defence flag was raised at the war memorial in Coronation Park, Ormskirk at a ceremony attended by the Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire Mrs Gail Stanley; the mayoress Julie Furey; the council's chief executive Kim Webber and borough councillors.

Skelmersdale Prize Band performed before the ceremony and Father Michael Thompson, the mayor's chaplain, said a short prayer.

Residents call meeting over fracking fears

Report by **Henry James**

ONGOING concerns about the possibility of fracking in parts of West Lancashire has prompted residents to call a public meeting to discuss the subject.

This will be held at Crawford Village Hall on Thursday, June 29 starting 7.30pm.

It has been prompted by claims that energy company Aurora plans to carry out seismic testing in the Crawford, Skelmersdale and Bickerstaffe areas of the borough with a view to future fracking operations for shale gas.

However, the company, which was granted a Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence (PEDL) in 2016 for the Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, and Bickersatffe areas, say they have not finalised plans for the location or timing of any surveys.

In a letter to the Champion, Crawford resident, Dawn Krueger, wrote: "I think it's only fair that the public should know that a company named Aurora has a licence to explore for shale gas in the area of Crawford village, Skelmersdale and Bickerstaffe through a process known as fracking.

"The company has confirmed that it will first test these areas for their viability by a process called seismic testing. If successful, then the next stage will be a fracking rig.

"Aurora has confirmed that three old conventional oil wells in these three named areas provide good geographical data. In other words, we are at risk of this happening."

Ian Roche, managing director of Aurora Energy Resources Limited, said: "The initial phase of exploration in PEDL 262 will comprise the acquisition of a new 3D geophysical survey, aimed at providing a state-of-the-art image of the subsurface. The acquisition of such surveys is a fairly routine activity in the UK, with more than 75,000km of 2D and more than 3,000 km2 of 3D geophysical surveys having been acquired here since the 1960s.

"We have not yet finalised plans as to the likely location or timing of this work in PEDL 262. Aurora will, of course, contact local elected representatives and parish councils once these plans are more developed."

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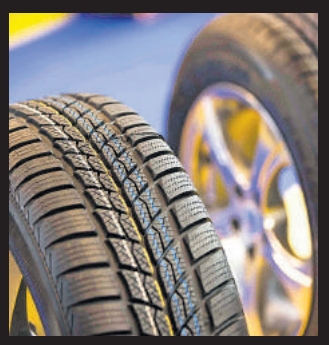

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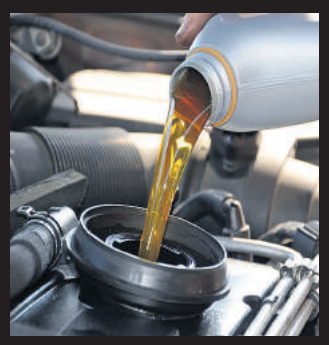

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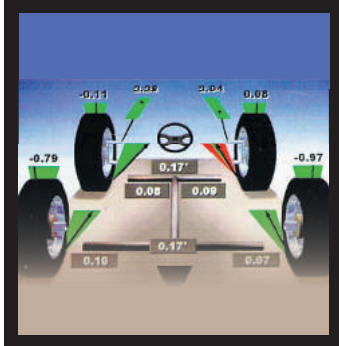

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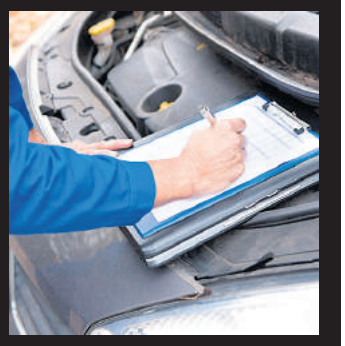

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Man made sexual comments to 11-year-olds

POLICE in Skelmersdale are appealing for information after a man allegedly made comments of a sexual nature to two 11-year-old girls in the town.

The incident happened at about 8.40pm on Monday, June 19 when the youngsters were approached by the man in Kiln Lane.

He is described as white, aged in his 30s with freckles and of a slim build.

He was wearing a blue baseball cap, grey joggers and a distinctive black T-shirt with 'Strongbow' written on it in purple writing.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

Businessman dumped 147 bags of waste in ditch at side of road

A BUSINESSMAN has been ordered to do 100 hours of community service after being caught fly-tipping in Newburgh.

Sean Ward, from Riding Close in Haskayne, dumped 147 bin bags of household waste in a ditch at the side of Cobbs Brow Lane, which was traced back to him after a lengthy investigation by West Lancs Council officers.

Wigan County Court heard that it was one of the biggest amounts of fly-tipped waste that the borough council has ever had to deal with.

Evidence given to the court stated that Mr Ward had moved this waste from a property in the Liverpool area and had been paid for this work. He claimed during an interview with council officers that he had had vehicle problems and took the waste out with the intention of returning for it at a later point, something which he did not do.

He pleaded guilty to fly-tipping and as well as being ordered to do 100 hours community service he was also told to pay £1,223.10 in costs.

Council officers recovered 147 bin bags of household waste from a ditch at the side of Cobbs Brow Lane

Dave Tilleray, who heads up West Lancs Council's environmental enforcement team, said: "The council is continuing to work hard to tackle fly-tipping and this case sends a strong message to all those thinking of illegally dumping waste in West Lancashire.

"Fly tipping is a serious criminal offence with unlimited fines for individuals and businesses found guilty of offences. Guilty parties could be sent to prison."

If you think waste has been disposed of illegally this can be reported to the council 24 hours a day online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/flytipping or by calling 01695 577177 between 8.30am and 5.30pm Monday-Friday.

Men-Aces founder Carl to be awarded Freedom of the Borough

THE founder of Skem Men-Aces disability football club is to be granted the Freedom of the Borough of West Lancashire – the highest honour that the council can bestow on any citizen or body.

Carl Eaton is to receive the award at an Extraordinary Council meeting of West Lancashire Borough Council on Wednesday, June 28 "in recognition of the eminent service he has rendered to the community and the borough of West Lancashire."

He was born with Spina Bifida and is a right leg amputee and decided to set up the club in 2009 as there was a lack of sports activities available for people with learning disabilities in Skelmersdale.

Carl said: "This totally blew my wife Mim and I away. I wanted the Skem Men-Aces in the title as it's for the club, but it can only be in my name. However the whole of the Men-Aces are invited to the award night and it will be a special highlight of the year."

Men-Aces founder Carl Eaton

The club has more than 50 members and its aim is to give the members more experiences and opportunities and provide activities that they would not be able to do. It is hoped that this will allow them to grow, and become more confident.

A council report announcing the honour states: "Carl has worked tirelessly for the Men-Aces, who take an active role in supporting and giving back to their local community."

Since it started the club has collected more than £50,000 for charity.

The club has also won numerous awards including a silver trophy at the Special Olympics in Bath in 2013. Different members have also represented Mencap team GB at the European Championships. They have won a volunteer of the year award through the Sunday Telegraph also.

Carl has also won the BBC North West Unsung Hero Award and featured on North West Tonight.

Last year he collected a Point of Light award as well from the then Prime Minister David Cameron for his work with the Men-Aces.

In 2016 the team were given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, highest award given to the UK volunteer groups and equivalent to the MBE.

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Dominic's FOUR-midable fundraiser for mental health support group!

Report by **Henry James**

WHEN Dominic Byrne decided to raise money for a charity which helps people with mental health issues he certainly didn't take the easy option.

The 38-year-old from Ormskirk completed an incredible FOUR marathons in FOUR weeks in aid of Skelmersdale-based Empower.

Dominic decided to organise the fundraiser as his wife, Sheila, has been helped by the voluntary support group which is based at the Quarry Bank Community Association in Ormskirk Road.

Fortunately he is no stranger to marathon running having previously completed the Liverpool marathon twice and the Chester marathon.

Set up and run by Nikki Whitaker, Empower helps people suffering from mental illness on the road to recovery with support provided wholly by volunteers.

The group is mostly funded by service users paying £3 per visit. However for some people with mental illness, often unable to work, even £3 is too much.

Dominic's aim was to raise enough money to cover the cost of two months for the building which the group uses, £1,200 and he managed to pass this, raising a total of £1,364 for them.

The first marathon of his quartet saw him taking part in the Stratford-upon-Avon Marathon (also called the Shakespeare Marathon) on Sunday, May 7. This was then followed by the Windermere Marathon on Sunday, May 21; the Liverpool Rock n' Roll Marathon on Sunday, May 28; and finally the Coniston Trail on Sunday, June 4.

Dominic, who works in sales when he's not pounding the streets in marathons, said: "Empower is important to me because in 2016 my wife, suffered a nervous breakdown. This left her unable to cope with managing basic everyday tasks, she went from a fun-loving outgoing fitness fanatic to being scared to leave the house feeling like there was no point in carrying on with life.

Dominic pictured tackling the Coniston Trail

"But with the help of Empower she is slowly but surely finding the confidence to do things on her own.

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"Empower is a not for profit organisation, and is funded by people who use the service, so I wanted to raise money for them. Also, Mental health is still misunderstood and I wanted to make more people aware of the problem."

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This year's procession was led by the very first Rose Queen, Karen Bailey, accompanied by a number of her successors, while the children's floats had a 1977 theme to mark the anniversary and featured elements of Star Wars, the Queen's Silver Jubilee and disco fever.

Fiona Casey, chair of the Newburgh Fair Association, said: "The event was an outstanding success and we were able to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the fair. New memories were made and a big thank-you to everyone who helped and took part."

Left: Regal double act... Newburgh Rose Queen from 1977, Karen Bailey and this year's Queen, Sophie Trengove, team up to perform the official opening ceremony of this year's fair

Left: One of the 1970s-themed floats in last Saturday's Newburgh Fair parade

Above: Flying the flag . . . this young visitor gets into the spirit of the occasion at the Newburgh Fair

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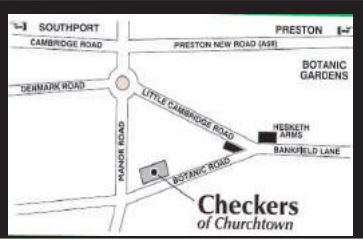

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Pupils and staff at Hillside Community Primary School which has been rated as 'outstanding' in all areas by government inspectors

Primary school earns top marks from government inspectors

STAFF and pupils at Hillside Community Primary School are celebrating after being rated 'outstanding' in all areas in a report by government inspectors

The Ofsted report on the school in Egerton, Tanhouse follows its inspection earlier this year.

Inspectors declared the school's motto of 'Together we can shine' "could not be more appropriate" and they said leaders, staff and pupils all shined in this "outstanding" school.

The headteacher and senior leadership team were praised for providing "exceptional leadership."

The inspectors also said that teaching is "highly effective" and added, "staff know the pupils very well and ensure that the work that they set provides each pupil with the right degree of challenge."

Hillside's learning environment was also noted as "exceptional."

Headteacher, Angela Aspinwall-Livesey, said: "The report is a delight to read and praises the hard work, commitment and excellence of all our staff - teaching and non-teaching - our governing body and the absolute brilliance of our wonderful children.

"I find it hard to highlight individual sentences and paragraphs as everything is so marvellous - absolutely stunning, in fact. I don't think it could have been any better if I had written it myself!

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic staff for all they do for the children in their care.

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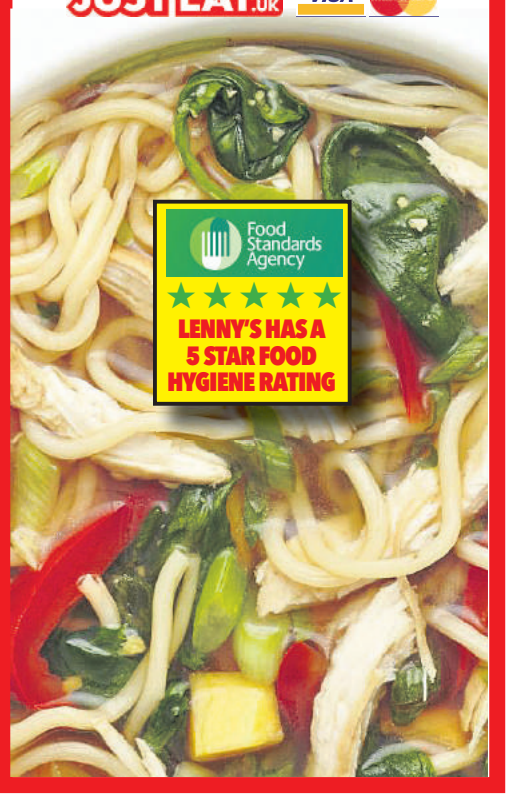

Project aims to help people get to grips with digital skills

A NEW project is being launched to help people get to grips with using digital technology in their daily lives and to encourage sharing of IT knowledge and skills within local communities in West Lancashire.

The Buzz IT project will offer a range of digital learning courses and IT workshops and is also looking for volunteers to work as Digital Champions.

The project is a joint initiative between West Lancs Borough Council, Lancashire West Citizens Advice, and West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Services (WLCVS)

Greg Mitten, chief officer of West Lancs CVS, said: "Buzz IT is about the community working together to make sure no one is excluded through a lack of knowledge in using web-based services or being unable to use digital tools to connect with their friends, family and local community."

West Lancs Council's director of housing and inclusion, Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, commented: "We are very pleased to be involved in this project. As the council moves more services online it will give people who are unfamiliar with the Internet and digital technology new ways to access the council's services.

Greg Mitten, chief officer of West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Services

"They can also have the chance to learn new skills and see how the Internet can bring new opportunities for work, leisure and their daily lives."

And Guy Simpson of Lancashire West Citizens Advice, added: "More of the services that our clients need have already been moved online at a local level, or are being moved to online by central government as it pursues delivery of public services through 'digital by default'.

"We and Buzz IT are dedicated to the cause that every single government service must be available to everyone - no matter if they are online or not."

As part of the Buzz IT project, Lancashire West Citizens Advice have opened their first dedicated 'Digital Help Centre' in Skelmersdale at the Concourse Shopping Centre.

Buzz IT is now looking for volunteers to work as Digital Champions and buddies to provide supported digital access on the public computers within the centre. The role will encompass all aspects of assisting clients as well as passing on basic digital skills.

Buzz IT is asking for volunteers to commit to a six-month placement to assist in this exciting project. If successful it is planned to scale this across the whole of Lancashire. By being part of this initial Digital Help Centre, people have the opportunity to be part of the legacy that will be created for the Lancashire community for the foreseeable future.

For more information on volunteering for the Buzz IT project or to sign-up for one of the free digital learning courses being offered, contact Sarah at West Lancs CVS on 01695-733737, email sarah@wlcvs.org or ring Lancashire West Citizens Advice on 0344 245 1294.

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Commissioner joins call for government to reverse police cuts

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has joined colleagues and politicians from across the North West in calling on the government to reverse police cuts.

Mr Grunshaw, along with the Mayor of Greater Manchester and police and crime commissioners for Merseyside and Cheshire, wrote to the Home Secretary to ensure that the public's concerns about police cuts are top of the government's agenda.

Citing recent attacks and the erosion of neighbourhood policing that provides vital community intelligence they wrote: "As Home Secretary you have the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that police forces across the country are properly resourced so they can keep people safe and tackle crime. We are asking that you ensure that this is a priority for the government by making a clear commitment to reverse austerity in policing."

Lancashire's police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw

Across the four forces more than £385 million in savings have had to be found since 2010 with a further estimated £90m to be found by 2020. This has meant a reduction of more than 4000 police officers and 1,500 fewer police staff across the region.

Mr Grunshaw said: "I hear from people and officers across Lancashire about their concerns about the resources available to the police to do their job and keep communities safe.

Message

"Despite promises from ministers around 'protecting' budgets Lancashire receives less money every year from the government to deliver a policing service.

"My message to the Home Secretary is that this needs to change and we need to start reinvesting in policing, not cutting our budgets further."

In Lancashire savings of £72 million have had to be found since 2010 with more than £19 million additional savings estimated to be needed by 2020. This has meant a reduction of 800 officers and more than 400 police staff.

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Fundraisers band together in memory of terror victims

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE owners of a business in Tarleton have raised hundreds of pounds for the families of two young girls from the area who died in the Manchester Arena terror attack.

Claire Newland and Dave Wilkinson, directors of Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors in Hesketh Lane, ordered 500 commemorative wristbands for people to wear in memory of Georgina Callander and Saffie Rose Russo.

Ariana Grande superfan Georgina, 18, and eight-year-old Saffie Rose, a pupil at Tarleton Community Primary School, were two of the 22 victims killed in the attack by suicide bomber, Salman Abedi.

The silicone bands, in both adult and child sizes in pink and yellow, were offered at a suggested donation price of £1 each in memory of the tragic youngsters - and sold out within 24 hours!

Now Claire and Dave have ordered pin badges, each depicting both a yellow and a pink balloon, which will be available to purchase for a small donation, from Monday, July 3.

Above: Claire Newland and Dave Wilkinson
Below: One of the commemorative wristbands

Generosity

The proceeds of the two appeals will divided between the two girls' families next month.

Claire Newland told the Champion: "We haven't counted all of the money from the wristbands yet but we're pretty sure it will be at least £500.

"We've had a lot of people coming in to buy wristbands and even when we told them we had run out, they were still putting donations in the box!"

"Originally the idea was to do the pin badge but they took longer to make so we did the silicone bands in the meantime as they could be done a lot faster - but we ran out in less than 24 hours!

"We have been absolutely astounded by the generosity of the community."

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A change for the better on litter

IT is unusual, I think, for newspapers to receive letters praising people for not littering. Let my letter be an exception.

Skelmersdale junior parkrun, run every Sunday at 9am from the Concourse area via ASDA and back again via the subways and underpass, started in December.

Initially, we had to spend a lot of time clearing up broken glass and litter from the course to make it safe for children to run. Now, six months on, we still need to clear some litter and broken glass, but it is much better.

It does really look like there has been a change of attitude to the physical environment of this bit of Skelmersdale, as people get to understand what it means.

We are grateful for that change, and while we are not there yet, it is possible to foresee a litter-free course for children and parents who are focused on doing their bit for their community by getting active and getting healthy.

Paul Cotterill, Skelmersdale junior parkrun

Councils need to take some pride in our area

HOW I agree with other readers' complaints in regard to the care of verges.

Here in Shirdley Hill the council has not looked after the green area in the middle of the village properly for at least three years.

The hedge is only cut once a year now so that it grows too tall between cuts which creates a blind bend for car drivers at a road junction. There is an accident waiting to happen.

A resident took the trouble to cut it recently, over 100 yards long, with his own petrol cutter and it took him two days.

Complaints seem to fall on deaf ears.

Also, as mentioned in the Champion front page article (June 14) the grass field is left too long between cuts, and then not cut close enough so it has become coarse, lumpy and starting to get big weeds like docks and is not good enough as a playing surface any more.

The village itself is starting to look scruffy with weedy pavements and gutters.

As another reader pointed out the roundabout at the bottom of Holborn Hill used to be Ormskirk's pride and joy but now is an unkempt mess. What a bad impression it gives.

I also agree with the comment made about our MP Rosie Cooper as she takes ages to reply to correspondence and then says nothing meaningful.

Finally, I drove down the Formby bypass recently and noted that it was immaculate. So, come on West Lancashire and Lancashire County councils, take some pride in your own area.

Hazel Anderton, Shirdley Hill

Level of grass-cutting at busy junction is pathetic

FURTHER to the article in the Champion (June 14) I would also like to comment on how dangerous the Bickerstaffe Four Lane Ends junction is because of the overgrown grass.

I have tried to telephone the council about this problem but it is impossible to make contact.

The council don't want to speak to you but want you to use their website to report the problem and this is where the problem starts.

The website is difficult to negotiate and because some grass has been cut the site will not allow you to report a problem, which the council deem to have been completed. I say some work as the amount of grass cutting is pathetic for such a busy junction.

The council/contractors have made a token gesture by cutting some grass on a roundabout but have not attempted to cut the grass on the triangular islands.

Mr Wilders, Bickerstaffe

Do the job properly or don't bother!

IN response to the report in the Champion (June 14) I returned from holiday in Majorca full of anticipation to see the 'clean-up' of the grass verges and general vegetation in the Aughton area.

If I had cut my own lawn to that standard I would probably end up in the divorce court! What a mess! Do the job properly or don't do it at all.

John M. Brown, Aughton

PICTURE of the week

Residents from Newburgh were among thousands of people up and down the country who took part in The Great Get Together recently to mark a year since the murder of MP Jo Cox. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Time to put a stop to selfish drivers taking up disabled parking spaces

ON Friday, June 16 I took my mum to Marks and Spencer's in Ormskirk to do a bit of shopping. My mum is quite badly disabled and has to use her stick to get around.

As we pulled on to the car park. there was a big four-wheel SUB in front of us which drove straight in to the last disabled space.

I then watched the lady in her 40s jump out of the car with her shopping bags and walk into M&S. We had to then find another space to park our car.

As we were doing our shopping I spotted the lady who showed no signs of being disabled at all. In fact, she carried two big shopping bags to her car, put them in, jumped back into the car and then sat there on her phone.

I see this happening more and more. It is very unfair on genuine disabled people who need the spaces.

Can something please be done to check that people parking their cars need a disabled space or are people just becoming selfish?

M.A. by email

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

■ **PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.**

What has West Lancs Council ever done for us?

I READ with interest Graham P. Walker's comments (Letters, June 14) with regards to West Lancs Council.

I feel that he has a point. However, surely the question that needs to be answered above all others is what has the local council ever done for the village of Up Holland?

Now, apart from the mandatory services, such as refuse collection, I am struggling to come up with anything significant in the last few years.

Perhaps the real issue then is whether or not it's time to re-design the borough boundaries and place the village of Up Holland either within the control of Wigan or St Helens councils.

J.G., Up Holland

Professional and caring hospital staff worthy of a five-star rating

WITH all the adverse comments about the NHS it is refreshing to find a local hospital that bucks the trend.

Having recently been there for major surgery I cannot fault Ormskirk General on any point (apart from the parking charges!)

My grateful thanks go to all - from the theatre staff, led by Mr Matthew Cartwright-Terry, for their skill, professionalism and care; the matron and staff of Ward G for their cheerful and unstinting care; to the maintenance staff who keep the area spotless.

If this hospital was a hotel then the tourist board would award it five stars.

Thanks to you all and my best wishes when you become Ward H.

Maureen Holland, by email

Shame on these lazy cemetery rubbish dumpers

ON Father's Day, like many other people, I visited my late father's grave at St Richard's RC cemetery in Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale.

I and others were utterly appalled to see the mountain of rubbish left behind by previous visitors. There are clear signs around the cemetery which politely ask that your rubbish is taken home with you.

To all those lazy, inconsiderate and disrespectful people - you know who you are - I question whether you care at all that your loved ones and others are laid to rest in the rubbish tip you have created. Shame on you all, are your hands too clean, your vehicles too expensive or do you not have bins at home?

Whose job is it now to clear the rubbish you left behind? The priest? Unknown volunteers?

You chose a peaceful cemetery for your loved ones' final resting place, why do you want them to rest amongst your rubbish?

Angry, Skelmersdale, by email

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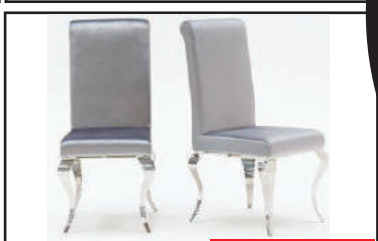

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Affordable homes for rent and sale near completion

NEW affordable homes available to rent and buy in Rufford are expected to be completed shortly.

West Lancs Council has negotiated an arrangement with Jones Homes to provide 14 affordable homes on their development at Roseacre Gardens. It is intended that all the affordable homes will be owned by a housing association.

The council has nomination rights for the rental properties which consist of 10 homes, made up of four two-bedroom houses, four three-bedroom houses and two two-bedroom bungalows. Initial preference will be given to households with a local connection to the Rufford area in line with the council's allocation policy.

The remaining four properties consist of three two-bedroom houses and one three-bedroom house. These will be available for shared ownership sale once a housing association has been identified for the site.

Anyone interested in shared ownership on this site can send their contact details to the council's housing strategy and development programme manager by email to jonathan.mitchell@westlancs.gov.uk. These will then be passed on to the housing association which acquires the affordable homes.

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, West Lancs Council's director of housing and inclusion, said: "The council has made a commitment to providing good quality affordable housing."

The rented houses will be advertised on HomeFinder, the council's choice-based letting scheme. You must be registered with HomeFinder to bid for properties. Information on how to register is available on the website www.westlancshomefinder.co.uk.

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The authority is asking people in the county to think about growing their family through adoption and the free event, at County Hall, Preston on Tuesday, July 4, will outline the process involved for interested parties.

It will run from 6 to 7:30pm and there's no need to book , although early arrival is recommended to enable a prompt start. People attending the information evening are also asked to stay for the whole session.

The council is focussing on two different types of adoption to enable babies and young children to go to live with their permanent family quicker.

Best for Baby (concurrent placements) places babies and young children, aged up to two, with foster carers who may go on to give them a permanent home.

Better Beginnings (the fostering-for-adoption scheme) is for children where there is no realistic prospect of a return to their birth family.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We're looking for people from all backgrounds to offer a permanent home and family to children who are not able to live with their birth family. What matters are your personal qualities and that you are able to provide a loving home where you can support and look after a child throughout their childhood and beyond.."

To adopt, you must be over 21 and live in Lancashire or close by, whatever your race, gender, sexuality, living arrangements, age or employment status.

You can find out more about the information evening and the adoption process at www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption or call the adoption team for an informal chat on 0300 123 6723.

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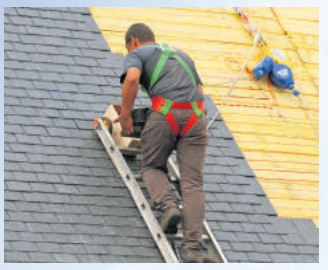
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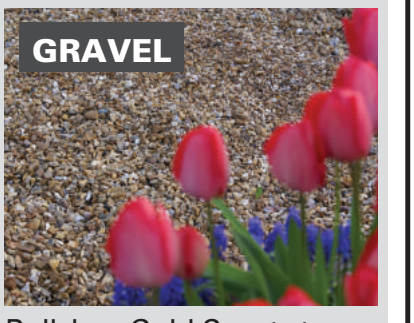
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Heritage Weekend draws crowds

THE seventh Burscough Heritage Weekend saw visitors flocking to the village on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25 to enjoy a range of attractions and entertainment including canal history walks; performances by ukulele band, Ukes at the Wharf; morris dancers, Stone the Crows; and an exhibition by Mike Dawson featuring old photographs of Burscough and surrounding areas.

There were also displays of vintage vehicles, a miniature steam engine and a range of stalls selling local produce.

And on Sunday, the annual Charity Raft Race from The Slipway to The Wharf proved as popular as ever.

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Students' care share app wins digital competition

STUDENTS from West Lancashire College are celebrating after being named overall winners of the Digital Advantage competition, run by the Pop Up Digital Agency, for their car share app for festival goers.

The students have been working with Skiddle, a website that sells tickets for events, festivals, gigs and clubs, who fully endorsed the app following a presentation of their business plan.

Skiddle director, Jamie Scahill, commented: "I am so impressed by the students' idea, work and enthusiasm. I will gladly back the ideas they have for their app, it's a brilliant idea."

The West Lancs College team competed alongside nine other schools and colleges presenting their idea to a panel of judges at County Hall in Preston and winning a unanimous decision.

And as well as the title, they also won £2,000 to further develop the app.

Course tutor, Anjuman Robinson, said: "I am extremely proud of this fantastic achievement and the hard work and dedication the students have shown to this project.

"I very much look forward to working with the students to further develop their innovative app."

Memorial garden to county's fallen police officers unveiled

A MEMORIAL garden paying tribute to officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty has been unveiled at Lancashire Constabulary headquarters.

The garden features a memorial wall with individual plaques for fallen officers and a fountain in the centre.

The plaques are inscribed with the names of 120 Lancashire officers who have lost their lives during service.

It was officially opened by Chief Constable Steve Finnigan at a ceremony at the site in Hutton on Tuesday, June 20.

Chief Constable Finnigan said: "It was an honour to officially open the memorial garden which has been created as a fitting tribute to the officers who have sadly lost their lives while serving in Lancashire.

"Officers put their lives on the line every single day to keep the public safe and the garden serves as a place where we can commemorate and pay tribute to the bravery of our fallen colleagues."

Work on the garden project, which was overseen by the Lancashire Police Federation, began in April and donations have flooded in from many contributors.

Federation chair,Rachel Baines, said: "I have been immensely proud to be involved in the creation of the memorial garden and without the help of so many people this would not have been possible. It has been very humbling to spend time with families of our fallen colleagues, which is where the concept for the garden was born.

"I know the garden will be a fitting and lasting tribute to those who have given their lives, and a place of reflection for visitors."

Lancashire Constabulary's memorial garden is opened

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Slimmers shed the lbs to help 'bag' the £s for Cancer Research!

Report by **Henry James**

A GROUP of big-hearted slimmers are turning their attention to raising pounds instead of shedding them!

Members of West Lancashire Slimming World groups have collected more than 700 bags of clothes which they've successfully 'slimmed out of' to raise money for Cancer Research UK as part of a national fundraising campaign.

Consultants who run the West Lancs groups, encouraged members and their friends and families to join the Big Slimming World Clothes Throw by collecting clothes, shoes and accessories they no longer need to generate stock for the Ormskirk Cancer Research UK shop.

Team developer, Tina Whewell, said: "This year's Big Slimming World Clothes Throw event has been a fantastic success and I was overwhelmed by the amount of bags our members managed to collect for Cancer Research UK – they really are amazing!

"It was a fantastic atmosphere in group and it was so rewarding to raise such a phenomenal amount of stock for such an incredible cause. And it's not just members of the group who have cleared out their wardrobes - we've had great support from the whole community. I'm still buzzing from all the donations we've had!

"Because our members are so sure they'll never need their 'big' clothes again, when we told them about the Big Slimming World Clothes Throw they couldn't wait to bag them up and donate them to charity.

"Members of the West Lancashire groups have lost an amazing 35,900lb between them since January this year simply by making small changes to the way they shop, cook and eat and by becoming more active.

Slimming World consultants Sue Allt and Zoe Baker and team developer Tina Whewell with some of the bags they have collected

"The Clothes Throw is a perfect opportunity for all of us to celebrate our success, inspire other people and raise money for charity at the same time. There is also a more serious side to our support for Cancer Research UK however. One in two people are diagnosed with some form of cancer during their lifetime, and being overweight can increase the chance of developing the disease. It is vital we spread the message that being physically active and losing weight by adopting healthy habits all help reduce the risk of developing cancer."

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The event starts at 7.30pm and you can take your own drinks.

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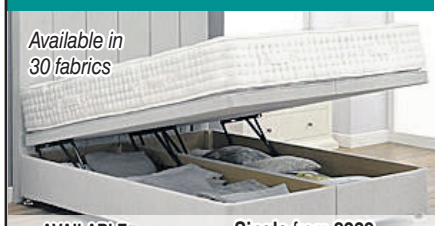

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Simpler fare systems would be just the ticket

I NEVER cease to be amazed at how many apparently quite sensible people fall hook, line and sinker for political party bribes at election time.

I suppose that whichever group stands to benefit by any one particular 'bribe', they might just be lucky and that one will prove affordable while others quietly sink.

The real trouble with these though is that rarely are they sufficiently thought out. Many are basically good ideas which eventually collapse simply because, having been announced in a blaze of publicity, the actual running of them has been shuffled into the long grass.

Look at the concessionary travel pass - the pensioners' bus pass to you and me. They were hardly mentioned during the General Election campaign, largely I think because few politicians understand them.

I happen to think the concessionary travel pass was one of the best ideas. I know there are those who reckon them to be a waste of money, but the simple facts are that without them we would probably have even more villages totally cut off from public transport and hundreds of thousands of poorer pensioners condemned to never being able to go anywhere under their own steam.

But the problem for any 'giveaway government' is that eventually the Treasury catches up with them, and in the case of the bus passes the Department for Transport suddenly realised it could not possibly afford the scheme.

Now the stated object of the scheme is that the bus operator should be no better and no worse off by carting us twirlies around, which sounds 'fare' enough (get it?). So the DfT made it as complicated and confusing as possible for bus operators to claim back the money they were losing.

Apparently the 'guidance' runs to 64 pages plus appendices and has become so complicated that both operators and the local authority which has to pay them has had to turn to consultants to try to work out how to beat each other in the 'who owes who what' stakes.

As an aside, this is one of the reasons smaller bus companies are either going out of business, or at least out of the ordinary fare-paying passenger side of it. They cannot afford to pay someone to win back what is their due.

Which should bring me on to train fares, but it doesn't. Because if I have a very tentative grasp of how bus fares work (or not), I have no idea at all about what any medium-long distance train fare is or should be or how to find out.

Yes, I know that once again I should be on the interweb or what-have-you, but even with this modern miracle it is, I am assured, still a minefield when it comes to working out train fares, or even timetables sometimes.

I suppose it's because I'm an old fuddy-duddy, but I far preferred the old British Rail system, where you knew what the normal fare was, you knew what the cheap (i.e. saver and super saver fares were) and the clear time restrictions on both.

And what on earth was wrong with that? OK, some clever fella couldn't jeer at me because he had just spent hours on his computer to find that if he bought 15 separate tickets he could get to Norwich at half the price I had fallen for. But apart from oneupmanship, what benefit is this plethora of fares and tickets to anyone?

And a proper fares structure does not prevent any train operator from using bargains to increase patronage, any more than it did British Rail.

Again, sticking to my Norwich journey, I remember a BR promotion which got you to Norwich (or Ely) for a day out for just a very few quid. But the point is, it was easy and simple. You know, 'Liverpool to Norwich and back for just £X, offer ends . . . etc.'

Sounds a whole lot more civilised than a computerised scramble to me.

Chernobyl children enjoy respite visit

by Danielle Thompson

CHILDREN whose health has been affected by the Chernobyl disaster have been enjoying a respite trip to Ormskirk and Maghull to boost their immune systems.

The Friends of Chernobyl charity brings the youngsters, who suffer from high levels of radiation poisoning which can cause heart and thyroid problems, to the UK from Belarus each year.

It is believed that these month-long stays, during which the children can eat 'clean food' and breathe 'clean air', helps to clear their bodies of the radiation and boost their immune systems.

The children who are visiting from Belarus with optician Neil Hayes and his staff

Checks

Members of the Maghull and Ormskirk branch of the charity are currently hosting a group of seven to 11-year-olds.

Branch treasurer, Tony Leigh, said: "If you see a group of young children around the Ormskirk area dressed in red hoodies and T shirts, they could be the latest group of deprived children from Belarus visiting the area.

"For many years groups of children have visited the UK, including West Lancashire, for four weeks in June.

"These visits are said to extend their lives by a year for each month they spend in the UK.

"They undergo medical checks at Ormskirk Hospital, eye tests at Neil Heyes opticians in Burscough and dental checks at Liverpool Dental Hospital - all free of charge, including any treatment - as well as enjoying plenty of fresh air and good, uncontaminated food.

"During this latest trip three of the children have had multiple tooth extractions at Alder Hey Hospital!

"In addition to four nights spent at an outdoor centre near Skipton, they visit exciting local attractions and adventure places and are just a little spoilt!

"The children stay with local families, who usually have children of a similar age to themselves.

"The trustees ofthe charity are indebted to the many people and businesses who generously support the visit and the critical fundraising activities."

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School rounders squad book county games final spot

TALENTED rounders players from Ormskirk School are celebrating after clinching their place in the finals of the SPAR Lancashire School Games.

They defeated teams from six other schools in the borough to win the right to represent West Lancashire in the finals at Blackpool's Stanley Park next month in a bid to be crowned county champions.

This is the second time that Ormskirk School have qualified for a place at the games, after previously winning a super eight athletics match.

Now in its 11th the SPAR Lancashire School Games is made up of two main events providing all children in the county with the opportunity to take part in competitive sport.

The finals on Tuesday, July 4 will see more than 2,000 children competing in a range of sports including gymnastics, football, athletics, mixed cricket and touch rugby.

The Ormskirk School rounders team

Last chance to nominate local companies for prestigious Rural Business Awards

THERE'S still time - just - to nominate rural employers and food and drink producers in West Lancashire for this year's Rural Business Awards.

Run in partnership with the CLA and Amazon, the awards are split into 13 categories and are the only UK-wide programme dedicated to showcasing the success of rural businesses – a sector which employs in excess of 3.4 million people in more than 600,000 businesses.

Organisers of the prestigious awards are seeking some of the hidden superstars among Lancashire's food and drink producers and brands and you can enter or nominate your favourite in the Best Rural Food and Drink business by logging on to www.ruralbusinesawards.co.uk/enter/.

They are keen to hear about any countryside-based businesses that deserve recognition for their excellence - from farm shops, food producers or growers, to restaurants, bars, brewers and distillers.

They also want to hear about rural firms who are really making a difference by providing much-needed employment.

But hurry, the closing date is this Friday, June 30!

The brainchild of Jemma Clifford and Anna Price - themselves both successful rural businesswomen - the Rural Business Awards are a counterpoint to the many city-based business awards which often neglect successful countryside entrepreneurs.

Jemma said: "We are really excited to hear from the cream of Lancashire's food and drink organisations. As for our Rural Employer of the Year category, this too is a vital element of our awards and we're keen to hear about all those fabulous businesses that are toiling away to create job opportunities to keep our countryside alive and our rural communities thriving."

Doug Gurr, UK Country Manager for Amazon, said: "We're delighted to be backing the Rural Business Awards to help shine a spotlight on the best of rural businesses – small and large alike."

And CLA director general, Helen Woolley, added; "Locally produced food and drink from across our wonderful countryside is such a key element of the British rural economy,"

Categories for this year's awards are as follows:

1. Best Rural Start-up
2. Outstanding Rural Diversification Project
3. Best Rural Clothing or Accessories Business
4. Rural Innovation of the year
5. Best Rural Manufacturing Business
6. Best Rural Professional Services Business
7. Best Rural Creative or Media based Business
8. Social enterprise/community project of the year
9. Best Rural Tourism Business
10. Best Rural Sporting Business
11. Rural Employer of the year
12. Rural Entrepreneur of the year
13. Best Food & Drink Business.

Award categories will be decided by an independent panel of judges drawn from the rural business sector, official agencies and rural charitable organisations. And a glittering awards ceremony will be held in Surrey on October 5.

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GORSE Hill Nature Reserve will open to the public at the weekend as part of a national initiative to celebrate the UK's wildflower grasslands.

The site in Holly Lane, Aughton will be open from noon to 4pm on Sunday, July 2, national Meadows Day.

The reserve contains more than 100 different species of wildflowers and grasses supporting a wealth of wildlife and encouraging butterflies, bees, moths and birds.

Visitors can explore the meadow on a self-guided walk and there will be a range of activities for children, including searching the maze for butterflies and a teddy bears' picnic.

In addition, walks through Cabin Wood have been made more mobility-friendly with the new pathway funded by The People's Postcode Lottery and constructed by volunteers from the Prince's Trust and staff at the nature reserve.

Reserve manager, Jonathan Atkins, said: "We'd like as many people as possible to share what we have here and help protect the meadow for future generations. The five-acre reserve is a truly magnificent meadow, created from what was once a field of stubble. This event is very much a family occasion so please come and join us. We look forward to seeing you."

For more information, visit nwecotrust.org.uk.

Carnival time in Westhead

IT'S festival season in West Lancashire and events in this year's Westhead Carnival start tomorrow (Thursday, June 29) and continue into the weekend.

Now in its 44th year, the popular event usually attracts thousands of visitors to the village.

This year's programme kicks off with a car boot sale starting at 3pm on the school field on Thursday June 29.

And on Friday there will be a fancy dress dance in the marquee from 7.30pm onwards when the theme is something beginning with 'T'. This will feature male and female group prizes, a hog roast, bar, cocktail bar and disco.

Tickets, priced £10 including a free drink (not a cocktail) before 9pm, can be ordered from Clare on 07540129677.

Saturday, July 1 sees the main carnival procession leaving from Crosshall Brow at 12.30pm en route to the field at Westhead Lathom St James CE Primary School.

There will be stalls, vintage cars, a dog show, a brass band, ukuleles, a singer, a children's entertainer, and a performance from Spartac disabled gymnasts.

Tickets £2 for adults, 50p for children.

The Carnival Queen will be crowned on Saturday and the carnival will be opened by the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil Furey.

Moira MacIver, secretary of the Westhead Carnival Association, said: "The event will be great fun and money raised will go to local organisations and charities.

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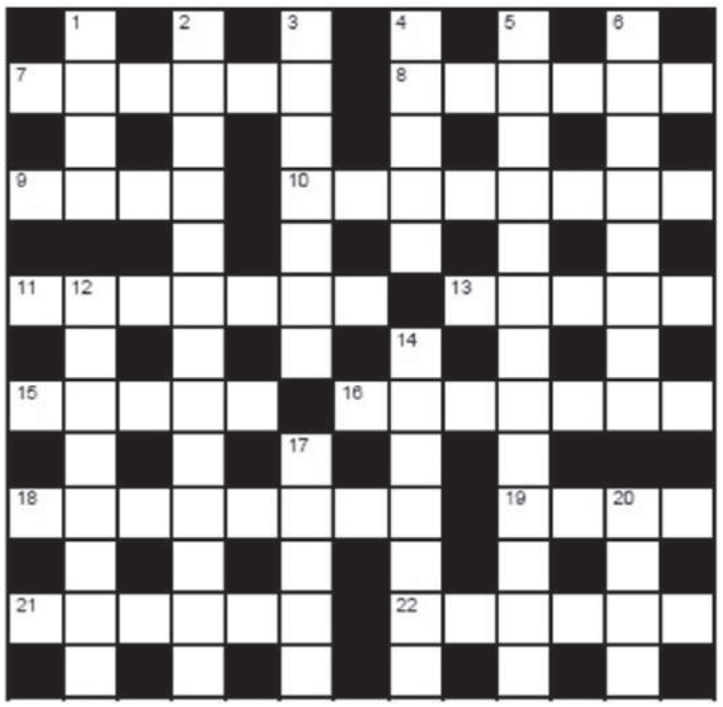

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1. Vigour or vivacity of style or performance (4)
2. Examination usually taken by 6th form students (8, 5)
3. Part of a car's engine housing the transmission (7)
4. Move to a higher level (5)
5. Common name for the crane fly (5, 8)
6. To stand in for someone (8)
12. Unfinished business (5, 3)
14. Hard yellow cheese named after a town in Switzerland (7)
17. Marsupial that feeds on eucalyptus leaves (5)
20. Wicked (4)

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Chance to earn funding boost for community initiatives

Up to £25,000 available in company awards scheme

CUSTOMERS of a financial services provider are being given the chance to nominate good causes for a local community awards scheme with the chance to win up to £25,000.

The OneFamily Community Awards offer the opportunity to win a significant financial grant to support a special project or initiative that will benefit the good cause and its members.

There are four different categories - health; disability and social care; lifelong learning; and active living; and community groups.

Each category will have eight winners with four projects receiving up to £5,000, three projects winning up to £10,000 and one project scooping £25,000.

The Community Awards are part of the OneFamily Foundation, which was created to give customers the opportunity to support their local community and the good causes in their area that matter to them and their families.

Karl Elliott, customer strategy director at OneFamily, said: "The awards are now open and we're urging our customers across Lancashire to get involved and nominate a good cause that could benefit from a financial grant.

"As we are owned by our customers we want to do more than just provide great products. We want to help our customers, their families and the communities where they live in other ways, and our OneFamily Foundation enables us to do just that.

"The community awards are a big part of the foundation's work, and each year we give hundreds of thousands of pounds to projects close to our customers' hearts.

"In 2016, we touched the lives of more than 100,000 people through the awards and this year we want to help even more.

"Projects must be nominated to be in with a chance of winning, so I want to encourage OneFamily customers across Lancashire to get involved and nominate the good causes that mean the most to them."

Entries for awards close on Wednesday, July 19. OneFamily customers can nominate their local project by visiting www.onefamily.com/your-foundation/community-awards/.

Free fruit is yours for the picking . . .

FRUIT lovers being urged to take their pick of blackcurrants, raspberries and gooseberries - free of charge - from the Community Garden next to Burscough Bridge railway station.

The Sustainability Group set up the plot several years ago under the guidance of Burscough Parish Council.

Parish Councillor Cynthia Dereli said: "We would like to draw attention to the fact that blackcurrants are now nicely ripening on bushes in the Community Garden plot near the station.

"The sign inviting residents to help themselves to the fruit has not proved durable but the fruit bushes, with a little 'tender loving care' from members of the group and also staff at Burscough Tyres, are in good form this year. There are some raspberries and gooseberries as well. "Why not pop along, have a look and pick some for yourself or someone who would appreciate them?"

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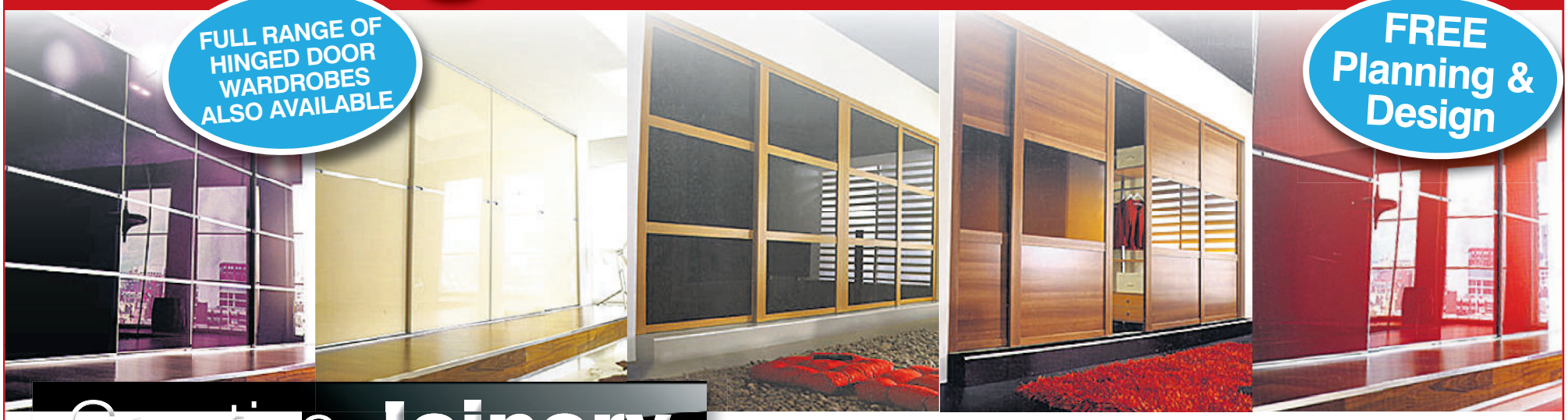

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Trust workforce campaign targets childcare providers

Health staff urge support for mums who want to return to work or study AND continue to breastfeed

HEALTH professionals at Lancashire Care's children and family workforce are marking National Breastfeeding Celebration Week this year (June 26-30) with a campain targeted at nurseries and childcare providers.

The aim of the campaign this year is to support and normalise longer-term breastfeeding by encouraging nurseries and childcare providers to support women returning to work or study to continue to breastfeed.

Katie Wharton, infant feeding coordinator at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "In Lancashire, nearly 70 percent of women were in employment in 2016, which is higher than the North West average. As a result, women who are planning to return to work are more likely to stop breastfeeding compared to women with babies the same age who are not planning on returning to work.

Sonia Tabassum and Katie Wharton from the infant feeding team at Lancashire Care

Benefits

"To support more babies receiving breastmilk, we are providing nurseries with guidance packs to support the breastfeeding welcome child care scheme. These packs further support and promote the work nurseries are doing, raise awareness among mums of their ability to return to work and breastfeed and promote breastfeeding as the biological norm.

"Breastfeeding ensures important immediate and long-term health benefits for infants and their mothers, including positive impacts on children's cognitive development and their health as adults. It's good news for mums and employers too as breastfeeding is associated with higher productivity and lower absenteeism for breastfeeding mothers."

Each nursery will receive a pack which includes guidance around becoming breastfeeding welcome that incorporates both antenatal and post-natal conversation, storage of breast milk guidance, responsive bottle feeding information and the importance of longer term breastfeeding.

This week will also see the launch of the county-wide Feeding Future-Generation document aimed at looking at how everyone in Lancashire can play an important role in supporting women to breastfeed their babies.

Healthwatch report highlights gap in perspectives between staff and patients

HEALTHWATCH Lancashire, the public voice on health and social care in the county, has published a report entitled 'A week in the surgery' following a week spent observing the working environment in a GP surgery.

The organisation has been undertaking a programme of engagement activities in GP practices across Lancashire since May last year to gain patients' views on the ease of making appointments, the quality of care provided and the awareness of patient involvement via patient participation groups and online access to medical records, repeat prescriptions and booking appointments.

One of the main themes identified was difficulty in patients booking appointments and it was felt that spending time in a practice would provide further insight into this.

The views and experiences of nurses, GPs, receptionists, call handlers, supervisors and a pharmacist were gathered and recorded.

Findings from the report showed a gap in understanding of perspectives between staff and patients, as well as staff feeling the demand on the service is too high.

There also seemed to be an appreciation from staff on the challenges patients face when booking appointments.

The surgery responded and supplied a list of three actions provided by the surgery in relation to how they will improve service users' experiences following the activity.

Sheralee Turner-Birchall, chief executive at Healthwatch Lancashire, said: "This project enabled us to triangulate intelligence from a 360-degree perspective considering feedback from patients, as well as staff.

"Healthwatch Lancashire would like to thank the surgery for their response to the report and for the actions which it put in place as a result of our findings."

The report is available to read online or download on the Healthwatch Lancashire website www.healthwatchlancashire.co.uk/reports

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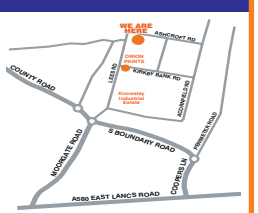

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Details of Summer season at Picture House released

PARBOLD Picture House has released its Sunday Cinema and Front Row Live Transmissions for the Summer.

On Sunday, July 9 at 7pm, Manchester by the Sea can be seen. It is directed/written by Kenneth Lonergan and stars: Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams. A man agrees to give a home to his nephew when the boy's father dies suddenly.

People can see the National Theatre: NT Live presentation of Salomé on Tuesday, July 11 at 7pm. This is the internationally acclaimed theatre director Yaël Farber's charged retelling of the infamous biblical tale.

Hidden Figures can be seen on Sunday, July 23 at 7pm. This film is the true story of a group of African-American women hired for their maths abilities to be part of the USA's space programme.

On Tuesday, August 15 at 7pm, the National Theatre: NT Live presentation of Angels in America Part 1: Millennium Approaches can be seen. This is Tony Kushner's multi-award winning play about Reagan's America, Aids, and life.

Angels in America Part 2: Perestroika is being shown on Tuesday, August 22 at 7 pm.

Then on Thursday, August 31 at 7pm audiences can see the National Theatre: NT Live presentation of Yerma. It stars Billie Piper who won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Actress. For more information call 01257 463878, or log on to www.parboldpicturehouse.org

Starkey talk

THE English constitutional historian and a radio and television presenter David Starkey is to talk at Southport's Atkinson on September 29 at 7.30pm on the title Henry VIII: The First Brexiteer?

In his talk Starkey will argue that the Reformation could be defined as the first Brexit, when his ministers devised the doctrine of parliamentary sovereignty.

Starkey will draw on his unique knowledge of Henry's reign to examine his tumultuous personal life, which pitted religion against politics as brutally as in our own age of Isis, through to the Grand Tourists who bought European culture with British money, all offering so very many parallels with the Brexit situation we find ourselves in today.

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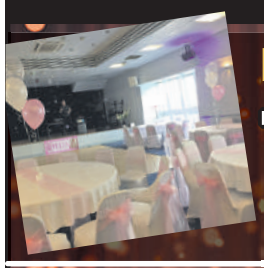
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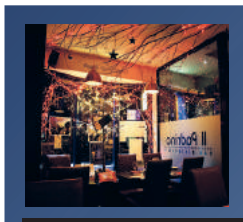
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(DICKS LANE, WESTHEAD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Dicks Lane, Westhead from Wigan Road to Plough Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0700 hours until 1700 hours from 03/07/2017 until 04/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Wigan Road - Plough Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7568/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GREEN LANE, BISPHAM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Green Lane, Bispham from Hall Lane to Malt Kiln Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours to 1700 hours on 11/07/2017 until 08/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Maltkiln Lane - Chorley Road - Robin Lane - Hall Lane.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7564/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COBBS BROW LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Cobbs Brow Lane from Ash Brow to Tabby's Nook.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 11/07/2017 until 08/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Course Lane - Hall Lane - Spa Lane - Stanley Way - Glenburn Road - Cobbs Clough Road - Cobbs Brow Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7565/WH]

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DEATHS

CARRAN BILL

26th June 2017

Passed away peacefully in Stocks Hall Care Home, Ormskirk

Aged 91 years

Loving Husband of the late Irene, much loved Dad of Roy and Christine. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium Burscough on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 10.45am. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Stocks Hall Care Home. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk Tel: 01695 424888.

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20th June 2017

Peacefully at his home in Scarisbrick, aged 87 years

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DEATHS

McNALLY THOMAS

22nd June 2017

Peacefully in Hospital

aged 78 years

of Ormskirk

The dearly loved Brother of Maureen and loving Uncle of Clare and Martin.
He will be sadly missed by all his Nieces and Nephews.
Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Friday 7th July 2017 at 1:00pm.
All enquires to Melanie Hardman at H. Hardman & Co.,Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

GOUGH PHILIP (PHILLY) RICHARD

29th May 2017

Passed away peacefully, aged 86, in Southport and Formby District General Hospital, after a short illness, and now reunited with his beloved wife, Joan. Dearly loved Dad of Christine, Phil, Jim & Mark, much loved Father-in-law of Ben & Grace, loving Grandad of Ben, Andrew, Olivia & Stella and dear brother of the late Mary and Jim. Funeral service at St. Anne's R.C Church, Ormskirk, on Friday, 30th June at 12.00 noon, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only. Further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

McINTYRE MARY (NEE HALLAM)

21st June 2017

Peacefully at home

aged 71 years

Loving Wife of George, devoted Mum of Neil and Stephen, Dear Mother-In-Law of Mo, Cherished Nan of Kayleigh and Christopher, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
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Aged 90 years

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ROBIN HOOD LANE, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington from Hall Lane to Hill House Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 13/07/2017 until 10/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Hall Lane - Moss Lane - Hill House Fold Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7560/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BANNISTER LANE, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Bannister Lane, Wrightington from Bentley Lane to Whittle Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 12/07/2017 until 09/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Whittle Lane - Highmoor Lane - Robin Hood Lane - Hall Lane - Sparrow Hill - Parbold Hill - Lancaster Lane - Chorley Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7036/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOUNDARY LANE, HUNDRED END, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Boundary Lane from Boundary Lane to Rydings Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on 10/07/2017 until 1700 hours on 16/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Lane - Rydings Lane - Marsh Road - Hundred End Lane - Boundary Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/8153/WH]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(NARROW LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Narrow Lane, Halsall from Asmall Lane to Halsall Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 03/07/2017 until 03/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Asmall Lane - Cut Lane - Narrow Lane - and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7566/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(INTAKE LANE BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Intake Lane, Bickerstaffe from Hall Lane to St Helens Boundary.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 03/07/2017 until 04/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Church Road - A506 Liverpool Road - A570 Liverpool Road - Rainford Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGHER LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Higher Lane, Parbold from Alder Lane to Beacon Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 10/07/2017 until 11/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ash Brow - Cobbs Brow Lane - Cobbs Clough Road - Glenburn Road - Houghtons Road - Stannought Road - Windmill Road - Ormskirk Road - Mill Lane - Beacon Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOSS LANE, SINEACRE LANE AND STOPGATE LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Moss lane, Sineacre Lane and Stopgate Lane from Siding Lane to Coach Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 on 03/07/2017 until 04/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Coach Road - Barrow Nook Lane - Hall Lane - Church Road - Liverpool Road - (moving into Knowsley District) Cunscough Lane - Bank Lane - County Road - South Boundary Road - Perimiter Road - North Perimiter Road - Dale Lane - Pingwood Lane - Stopgate Lane and vice versa.

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of New Lane, Burscough from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2200 hours on 12/07/2017 until 0800 hours on 13/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- New Lane - Langley Road - Ringtail Road - Tollgate Road - B5242 Pippin Street - A59 Liverpool Road South - Red Cat Lane - Tarlescough Lane - Marsh Moss Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing maintenance works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7573/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PINFOLD LANE & MORRIS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Pinfold Lane and Morris Lane, Halsall from Southport Road to Small Lane North.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 03/07/2017 until 28/07 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Southport Road - Gorsuch Lane - Halsall Road - North Moor Lane - Small Lane North and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7567/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHURCH ROAD, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Church Road, Bickerstaffe from Liverpool Road to Intake Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 10/07/2017 until 11/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A506 Liverpool Road - A570 Liverpool Road - Rainford Road - Intake Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7562/WH]

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
– Section 123 (2A)
NOTICE OF PROPOSED
DISPOSAL OF LAND COMPRISING OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Lancashire Borough Council propose to dispose of the several plots of land comprising of public open space described in the schedule below to Hesketh-with-Becconsall Parish Council. The plots will be transferred to the Parish Council with obligations to continue to use the plots as public open space. If any person has any objections to the disposal please could they notify West Lancashire Borough Council at the address below in writing no later than 4 pm on 17th July 2017. Plans showing the extent of the plots of land concerned are available for inspection at the Council's offices at the address below until 4 pm on 17th July 2017.

SCHEDULE

(a) two plots of land at the southerly end of Glen Park Drive at the junction with Chapel Road (b) land at Ashbrook Close (c) three plots of land lying between Becconsall Gardens and Station Road. All plots of land are in Hesketh Bank Preston.

Terry Broderick (Ref: NA/5624)
Borough Solicitor
West Lancashire Borough Council
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Date 28 June 2017

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PIMBO LANE, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Pimbo Lane and Chequer Lane from St Helens Boundary to outside property number 103 Chequer Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 10/07/2017 until 11/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ravenhead Way - Stannought Road - Windmill Road - Newgate Road - Ormskirk Road - Dingle Road - Grove Road - Parliament Street - School Lane - (into Wigan) - Orrell Road - Moor Road - St James Road - Gantley Road - Crank Road - (into St Helens) - Pimbo Road.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7559/WH]

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Beacon Lane, Parbold from Higher Lane to Mill Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 10/07/2017 until 11/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Higher Lane - Ash Brow - Cobbs Brow Lane - Cobbs Clough Road - Glenburn Road - Houghtons Road - Stannought Road - Windmill Road - Newgate Road - Ormskirk Road - Mill Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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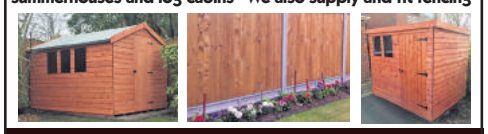

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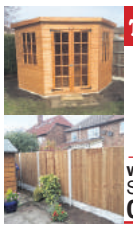

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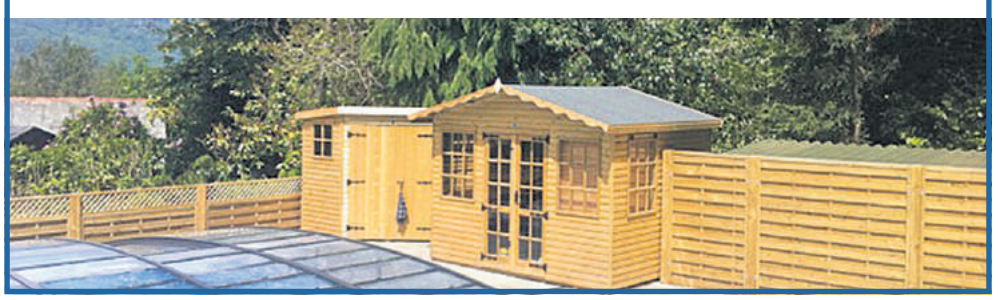

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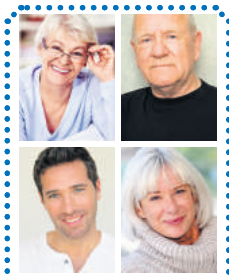

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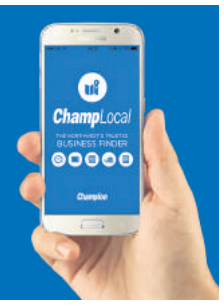

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I'VE LONG suspected that jogging is just a sweatier form of walking. I'll cheerily wave at people powering past on yet another 10k, but I'm quite content that simply strolling to the nearest pub is exercise aplenty.

But then a colleague – who's practically taken me on as some sort of flabby protégé – insisted I give it a go. Worryingly, I've found this whole moving quickly without a car lark to be surprisingly good fun to be honest.

I feel better for myself after every run, and I'm already beginning to see the results on my waistline, which was quick.

The idea is that I'll get fitter, build up my speed and stamina – and then I'll invite the new Volkswagen Polo along too, because boy does it need it.

By the looks of things Germany's supermini of choice has spent too long watching *The Jeremy Kyle* show with a can of Stella in one hand and a freshly cooked Fray Bentos in the other.

By Volkswagen's own admission it's taller and wider than the outgoing model, and bumper-to-bumper it's 94mm longer, which is like going up three waist sizes in car terms.

What's more, the latest press packs favourably compare its dimensions to how big the Golf was in the Nineties but don't mention weight once, presumably because the Polo's scared of stepping on the scales and screaming in horror.

Which is a shame, because while the new Polo looks like the Golf (which is a good thing) and builds on 2009's European Car of the Year (ditto), it really is getting increasingly hard to relate to it as a small car.

The gap between the new boy and the pint-sized Up is bigger than you'd imagine.

But then the Polo isn't the only one looking a tad porky these days.

The other day I had a nose around Nissan's new Micra and it is vast compared to the loveably cute bubble-shaped ones learner drivers used to have crashes in, and while I love the looks of Renault's latest Clio I had to conclude the 900cc engine in the one I borrowed felt a bit strained because it's a far bigger car than its predecessors.

Virtually all of today's superminis are blobbier than they used to be – very few are lighter, smaller or nimbler.

But I can guarantee that while small cars have got bigger, the multi-storey at the Concourse in Skelmersdale hasn't expanded - and nor, for that matter, have any of Southport's parking spaces.

If you really do need to squeeze into those awkwardly tight spaces outside supermarkets, then you would really be better off slipping down a size. You would be best instead to buy something like Ford's Ka+ instead as it is a smaller car to park.

That, or you really-could jog down to the shops after all!

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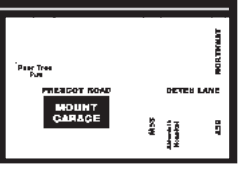

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Domigan hits 73 in welcome victory for Burscough at Sefton park

BURSCOUGH recorded a welcome five wicket win at Sefton Park, where the hosts were dismissed for 175 with Ben Van Niekerk taking 5-48.

In reply, 74 from Brendan Domigan, 39 from Chris Andrews and an unbeaten 30* from man of the match Van Niekerk helped the hosts to victory on 176-5.

Skelmersdale were bundled out for just 37 by Rainford with Andrew Pickavance top scoring with just 11 after Stepehen Birkett took five wicket for 17 runs. Rainford had earlier scored 217-9 declared.

First Division table toppers Highfield declared on 232-4 of 40 overs at bottom placed Hightown St Mary's, with Madduma Lakmal hitting an unbeaten 110 and Hargreaves 57.

In reply, Oliver Jump took 5-37 and Robert Halliwell 4-41 as the strugglers were dismissed for 85 with skipper Jim Kelly top scoring with 25.

Fleetwood Hesketh chose to bat first at Orrell Red Triangle and were bowled out for 115 with Jack Wrigglesworth top scoring with 30, while chief destroyers with the ball were Afaq Sartaj 6-35 and Siddiq Patel 3-33.

In reply, the hosts raced to 116-1 to seal victory, thanks to unbeaten knocks from skipper Andy Mottram (65*) and Richard Everett (35*).

In the Second DivisionMaghull put on a run fest at home against Caldy as they racked up 298-5 dec in 50 overs, thanks in no small part to quick runs from Greg Gillespie (74), Jon Ring (61), Liam Crilly (57) and an unbeaten 36 from William Mashinge.

In reply, Crilly 4-36 and the others bowlers shared the wickets around as Caldy were bowled out for 178.

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Ormskirk extend lead at top with five wicket win

ORMSKIRK extended their lead at the top of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division after dismantling third placed New Brighton for 115 at Brook Lane, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

Scott Lees took 5-44, whilst Louis Botes top scored with 38.

In reply the hosts reached 120-5 to wrap up a maximum points victory, with wicketkeeper-batsman George Lavelle top scoring with 45 and Ian Robinson making 25.

Southport & Birkdale chose to bat first at Northern and were soon wishing they hadn't as they were dismissed for 79 with Josh Hine scoring 31 of them, whilst the rest had very little to offer against Tom Jones 6-21, Liam Grey 2-31 and Tom Sephton 2-22 In reply Chris Laker 67* and Elliot Bradley 13* polished off the runs (81-0) just before tea to complete a maximum point victory and leave S&B pointless and at the foot of the table.

Bootle's wicketkeeper-batsman Neil Williams was left high and dry on 56* as Lytham dismissed their second placed hosts for just 107, with Jack Saunders 3-11 and Lancashire's Toby Lester 3-26 ripping out the top six with only 23 on the board.

In reply, an undefeated 101 run second wicket partnership between Taylor Cornall (69*) and Lancashire skipper Steven Croft (39*) took Lytham to a convincing nine wicket victory on 109-1.

Formby continue to struggle after they were beaten by five wickets at Colwyn Bay. Batting first, Formby posted 222-5 dec up on the board, thanks to valuable runs from Sam Oldham (64), Daniel Stanley (45) and skipper Ian Cockbain (30).

In reply 62 from Adam Campion helped lead the hosts to victory on 223-6, with Lancashire spinner Stephen Parry taking 3-53.

Ainsdale climbed off the bottom of the table with a first win of the campaign at Wallasey, the hosts were put in to bat and dismissed for 94, with Martyn Farrell 4-29 and Sam White 3-28 taking the bulk of the wickets. In reply, Ainsdale also struggled with the bat but eventually reached 95-7 to seal a much needed morale boosting victory, with in form opener Faiz Fazal carrying his bat with an unbeaten 31* and Adam Friar undefeated on 24*.

Ex-England starts lined up to play in Mawdesley T20 game

MAWDESLEY Cricket Club officials are staging a T20 exhibition game against the PCA Masters, a team of ex-England internationals provided by the Professional Cricketers Association, on Friday, July 7.

The game is being held to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the club's entry into league cricket in 1897 and follows on from the successful game played against the PCA Masters in 2014 to celebrate the opening of the club's new cricket pavilion.

Ryan Sidebottom

A number of top ex-England stars have already confirmed their intention of playing including some of the top pace bowlers Ryan Sidebottom, Simon Jones, Alex Tudor and Steve Harmison along with Owais Shah, Adam Hollioake and Mal Loye providing the batting class.

Richard Blakeley and Paul Nixon will both be playing and looking to score runs with one of them taking the gloves.

A Mawdesley Select XI comprising players from Mawdesley, Rufford, Eccleston, Croston, Great Eccleston and Lytham Cricket Clubs, will be lining up to take on the England side in what promises to be an exciting encounter.

The PCA Masters match held at Mawdesley in 2014 was watched around a thousand spectators who were treated to an encounter of great skill and spectacle.

The PCA Masters team is managed by ex-England and Lancashire batsman Neil Fairbrother.

The match will start at 4.30pm at Mawdesley CC's Rectory Field ground off School Lane in Mawdesley.

Tickets can be bought in advance from the club by calling 01704 821867 or from the Spar Shop on New Street in the village.

Advance tickets cost for £8 and £4 for under 16s if bought before the end of June or tickets cost £10 and £5 in July or at the gate on the day. The PCA players will be signing autographs both before and after the game.

Former Wales international Roberts signs for Skelmersdale

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

FORMER Welsh international Gareth Roberts has signed for Skelmersdale United.

The 39-year-old has played more than 600 league games in a 22-year career which has taken in eight different clubs, including Tranmere Rovers, Derby County, Chester and Stockport County.

He started his career with Liverpool and played alongside Michael Owen and Jamie Carragher in the FA Youth Cup winning side in 1996.

In 1999 he joined Greek side Panionios who were then managed by Ronnie Whelan, but he soon returned to Merseyside and was with Tranmere in what was arguably the club's most successful period ever.

His seven years at Prenton Park included an appearance in the 2000 League Cup Final at Wembley which they lost 2-1 to Leicester City.

Now the holder of nine full international caps for Wales the Wrexham born left-back next joined Doncaster Rovers in 2006.

In 2011 he signed for Derby County making 96 league appearances for the Rams.

When he joined Bury in 2013 he was by now 35 years old and after a season went to Notts County followed by spells with Chester and Stockport County.

Last season Gareth was a member of the coaching staff at Clitheroe in the division that Skelmersdale will be playing in next season, so his knowledge of the level may be a crucial aspect.

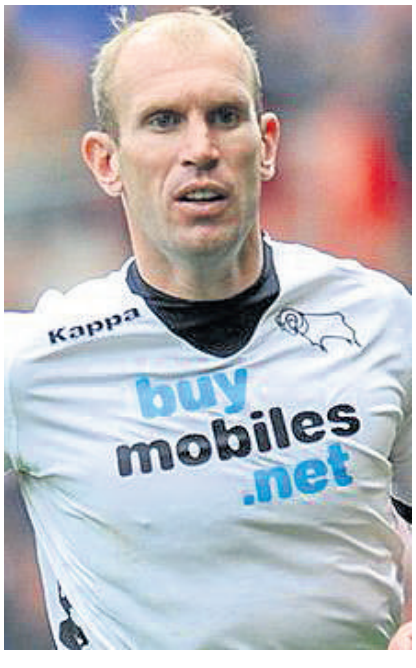
At Stormy Corner he links up with experienced duo Danny Ventre and Steve Gillespie in helping develop a group of very promising youngsters.

Alan Rogers (who didn't play in the same Tranmere side as Roberts) insists his side play attractive football so it should be a very interesting season, especially because of the contrasting ages of the playing staff.

He told the Skelmersdale United website: "I am delighted to bring a player of Gareth's calibre to the club.

"He comes to us to extend a fantastic career and will add so much experience to the dressing room.

"He has a fantastic attitude for the younger lads to follow and brings a touch more quality to the team."



Gareth Roberts playing for Derby County

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